



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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April 23, 2007

Wet Fields Delay Spring Plantings

Field preparation continued last week despite some wet spots on fields. Farmers had an average of **3.0 days suitable for field work** for the week ending April 22, 2007. Small amounts of **tomatoes, snap beans** and **sweet corn** have been seeded since previous week. Fruits such as **peaches, apples,** and **strawberries** are blooming on schedule.

Small grains are in good condition with **winter wheat** rated 2 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. **Barley** condition is 2 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

Pastures are mostly in good condition due to the rain. **Pasture** condition is 4 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 59 percent good and 15. **Hay** supplies are 16 percent very short, 53 percent short, 30 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
Vegetables Planted				
Corn	9	7	19	13
Green Peas	62	54	81	72
Potatoes	56	53	92	64
Snap Beans	14	12	10	11
Sweet Corn	9	7	17	16
Fruits Bloomed				
Apples	47	31	62	48
Peaches	90	77	88	70
Strawberries	29	28	38	23

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
Very Short	0	0	-	0	-	-
Short	2	0	-	3	1	-
Adequate	69	64	-	81	88	-
Surplus	29	36	-	16	11	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 2007

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.10	13.18	1.42	77	40	50	-5
Frederick	0.64	11.06	0.30	77	37	48	-2
Frostburg	0.30	12.79	-0.56	73	29	43	-6
Hagerstown	0.28	7.74	-2.83	75	38	49	-5
Mechanicsville	1.29	12.44	-0.84	77	38	49	-7
Patuxent River	1.28	10.34	-1.42	73	38	51	-6
Ocean City	2.55	12.08	-2.02	66	34	49	-7
Salisbury	2.61	13.87	0.25	75	29	48	-7
Sharpsburg	0.62	11.24	0.48	76	34	47	-3
Stevensville	1.97	14.59	2.28	76	38	50	-6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.13	11.90	1.35	76	42	51	-7
Delaware							
Dover	3.22	14.11	1.46	74	37	50	-6
Georgetown	1.61	12.81	-0.55	75	35	49	-5
Wilmington	2.94	17.15	5.35	76	35	49	-5

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.